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QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L KHARTOUM 3215

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SUBJECT: OAU COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, DAY X: BITS AND PIECES (II)

1. AS EXPECTED, COUNCIL OF MINISTERS (COM) HAS BEEN EXTENDED
BEYOND SCHEDULED JULY 15 CLOSING AND HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED TO
CLOSE IN OPEN SESSION MID-DAY JULY 18. ASSEMBLY OF HEADS
OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT (AHG OR SUMMIT) WILL OPEN EVENING
JULY 18 AS SCHEDULED.

2. AS ELECTIONS APPROACH, IT NOW APPEARS TOGOLESE FONMIN
EDEM KODJO IS OVERTAKING INCUMBENT SECGEN ETEKI AND HE MAY
HAVE ENOUGH VOTES TO WIN ON EARLY BALLOT. IT IS RUMORED
KODJO HAS AS MANY AS 30 VOTES ASSURED WITH 34 NECESSARY FOR
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ELECTION. MAJOR FACTOR IN KODJO'S SURGE HAS BEEN SOLID
BACKING OF ECOWAS COUNTRIES, BOTH ENGLISH AND FRENCH-
SPEAKING.

3. THUS FAR THERE HAVE BEEN NO REACTIONS BY OAU PARTICI-
PANTS ABOUT NAMIBIA AGREEMENT. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT WITH
ARRIVAL OF HEADS OF STATE SOME PUBLIC REACTIONS MAY

EMERGE, BUT NAMIBIA HAS RECEIVED VERY LITTLE ATTENTION DURING COM.

4. ALGERIAN CHIEF DELEGATE, AL SYASHI YAKER HAS INSISTED THAT POLISARIO FRONT MUST BE REPRESENTED AT KHARTOUM SUMMIT FOR DISCUSSION OF WESTERN SAHARA QUESTION. IF POLISARIO FRONT, " AS SOLE LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF PEOPLE OF ARAB SAHARA DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC" ARE NOT PRESENT, THEN QUESTION OF W. SAHARA CANNOT BE CONSIDERED. W. SHARA HAS BEEN INSCRIBED ON AHG AGENDA.

5. QUESTIONS OF MAYOTTE AND REUNION HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO DRAFTING COMMITTEE AND RESOLUTIONS ON THESE ISSUES WILL PROBABLY BE PRESENTED AT AHG. RESOLUTION ON MIDDLE EAST AND PALESTINIANS IS ALSO BACK IN DRAFTING COMMITTEE AND COULD RESULT IN MINOR CHANGES. OAU SPOKESMAN ONU, WHEN ASKED WHETHER ERITREAN QUESTION HAD BEEN RAISED, REPLIED CATEGORICALLY THAT "THERE HAS BEEN NO MENTION WHATSOEVER OF ERITREA." IN PREPARATION FOR AHG, OAU ETHIO/SOMALIA GOOD OFFICES COMMITTEE MET MORNING OF JULY 17 (RESULTS BY SEPTTEL).

6. EVENING JULY 16 COM DISCUSSED RECOMMENDATIONS ON STRUCTURAL REFORM OF OAU WHICH HAD BEEN PREPARED BY SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF 14. RECOMMENDATIONS DID NOT INCLUDE ANY SUGGESTIONS ON OAU PEACE-KEEPING MECHANISM, OAU SECURITY CONCIL ARRANGEMENT OR HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION. COMMITTEE CONFIDENTIAL

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OF 14 CONCENTRATED ON INTERNAL OAU ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL MATTERS, OF WHICH CREATION OF 5TH ASST. SEC GEN POSITION FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA REGION WAS ONE RECOMMENDATION. IT IS UNLIKELY REPORT WILL BE ADOPTED BECAUSE OF OBJECTIONS FROM SECRETARIAT STAFF PERSONNEL.

7. HEADS OF STATE BEGAN ARRIVING IN KHARTOUM JULY 16. IT IS EXPECTED THAT 23-28 HEADS OF STATE WILL PARTICIPATE AT AHG, ABOUT SAME NUMBER AS IN LIBREVILLE LAST YEAR. (WILL SEND DEFINITIVE LIST WHEN AVAILABLE. ALSO UN SEC GEN WALDHEIM, EEC OFFICIAL CHEYSSON, SWAPO LEADER NUJOMA, PATRIOTIC FRONT LEADERS NKOMO AND MUGABE AND HIGH-RANKING OFFICIALS OF TWO SOUTH AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, ANC AND PAC, ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND SUMMIT. SUDANESE AUTHORITIES CONTINUE TO BE HIGHLY CONSCIOUS OF SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS AND APPEAR TO BE DOING EXCELLENT JOB. KHARTOUM ASSUMING FESTIVAL ATMOSPHERE.
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